ANNUAL REPORT

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— AND —

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— OF THE —

Town of Salisbury,

— FOR THE —

Year Ending March 1st, 1877.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen charge themselves as follows: April, 1876, taxes assessed and committed to John B. Dunlap for collection:

Resident	$6,774 22
Non-Resident	823 86
Taxes for District No. 11	156 42
Taxes for " 6	31 97
	7,786 47

The Collector discharges himself as follows:

Paid Town Treasurer cash, highway receipts and abatements	$5,362 99
Amount remaining due from collector of 1876	2,423 48
" " 1875	903 22
" " 1874	302 56
	$3,629 26

The whole amount of money, abatements, &c., received by the Treasurer from March 1, 1876, to March 1, 1877	$9,907 71
Amount of payments by the Treasurer for same time	9,109 82
Balance in the treasury Mar. 1, 1877	$797 89

RECEIPTS.

1876.			
Mar. 16,	Received of last year's Treasurer	470	48
	" J. B. Dunlap, collector of taxes for 1873	149	93
	Received of do. for 1874	401	17
	" " interest	13	07
	" " 1875	1,581	92
	" " interest	31	42
	" " 1876	5,391	98
	" " interest	12	26
Nov. 14,	" State Treasurer savings' bank tax	612	03
	" " railroad tax	43	91
	" " literary fund	88	20
	" A. L. Ham, on Sally Stevens' place	9	75
Feb. 6 1877.	" county for support of paupers	756	56
		$9,706	58
Received for town notes		201	13
		$9.907	71

EXPENDITURES.

1876.			
	Paid on town notes	$3,018	97
Aug. 31,	County tax	959	19
Nov 14,	State tax	1,124	00
		$5,102	16

BILLS FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

1876.

Mar.	Paid S. P. Webster	$12 75
	J. B. Shaw	7 70
	J. Arey	5 93
	D. F. Searl	3 35
	Daniel Colby	4 58
	A. P. Dunlap	1 72
	James W. Sanborn	22 40
	John F. Huntoon	85
	S. P. Greeley	1 72
		$61 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

1876.

Paid	F. P. Bean,	Dist. No. 1	$258 15
	David S. Prince.	" " 2	182 82
	D. C. Stevens,	" " 3	100 32
	R. F. Batchelder,	" " 4	77 50
	W. M. Stevens,	" " 5	86 92
	A. P. Dunlap,	" " 6	95 63
	Elias P. Smith,	" " 7	75 00
	Arista Emerson,	" " 8	49 32
	B. F. Eastman,	" " 9	59 00
	A. F. Watson,	" " 10	47 16
	H. P. Shaw,	" " 11	70 39
	H. L. Call,	" " 4 Webster,	12 06
	J. R. C. Hoit,	" " 12 Warner,	13 32
			$1,127 34

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

1876.		
Mar. 7,	Paid Thomas Foote, for coffin &c., for Mrs Davis	$9 00
1877, Feb. 1,	Enoch A. Eastman for board and clothing for Abagail Gould	81 50
	Adeline Munroe, for board and clothing for James Munroe	101 00
	Calef & Smith, goods furnished E. Getchel	12 75
	John S. Dimond, goods furnished do.	36 30
	Jonathan Arey, for wood "	9 00
	B. F. Eastman, " "	2 17
	Calef & Smith, goods furnished Miss Penniman	74 00
	Calef & Smith, goods furnished G. W. Ladd	50 95
	Calef & Smith, goods furnished Bacon and wife	101 75
	E. B. Buxton, med. attendance on do.	25 80
	J. S. Dimond, for goods del. do.	66 29
	G. J. Flanders, for support of E. Davis	9 67
	D. S. Scribner, for house rent of do.	2 00
	W. Dunlap, for goods for E. D. Glines' family	36 16
	E. B. Buxton, med. attendance do.	31 00
	John Shaw, for goods for do.	13 51
	Wm. Dunlap, for goods del. W. H. Glines	5 00
	Wm. Dunlap, for goods del. Joseph Glines	2 21
	George P. Titcomb, med. attendance on Mrs. Bacon	3 75
	George P. Titcomb, do. for Mrs. E. Scribner	8 75
	S. P. Webster, for support of Mrs. F. Bartlett	69 00
	H. A. Weymouth med. attendance on do.	5 00
		$756 56

SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Aug. 1.	Paid Mrs. M. B. Couch, for support of F. S. Couch	$26	00
Nov. 1,	Mrs. M. B. Couch, for do.	26	00
Feb. 1.	do. do.	26	00
	C. C. Rogers, for services in pauper cases	5	00
20.	Amos Chapman, for keeping transient paupers	11	49
	Charles P. Sanborn, for do.	1	00
	Ira Belville, for do.	2	25
	Jonathan Arey, for board and clothes for do.	1	35
24.	Calef & Smith, for goods del. C. Frasure	1	03
26.	J. Arey, aid do.	1	73
27.	Jonathan Arey, services in pauper cases	27	75
	John Shaw, " "	4	00
	T. H. Whitaker, " "	5	00
		$138	60

Feb. 29.	Paid non-resident highway taxes in labor	1874	$6	00
	" "	1875	33	84
	" "	1876	138	76
			$178	60

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1876.

Mar. 3.	Paid Wm. Dunlap, N. Sawyer and Elbridge Smith, auditors 1876	$6	00
	C. C. Rogers, error in last year's bill	10	00
	C. C. Rogers, bill after settlement	8	00

Mar. 3,	Paid C. C. Rogers, board of auditors and selectmen,	4 00
	Jonathan Arey, bill after settlement,	7 50
	T. H. Whitaker, " "	3 00
	O. A. Towne, printing Reports, 1876	41 00
25,	R. W. Musgrove for blanks	75
	B. W. Sanborn & Co., Town Officer,	2 50
28,	B. W. Sanborn, & Co., for blank books	6 20
Aug. 31,	B. W. Sanborn & Co., for check lists, warrants and paper	2 17
Nov. 14,	Calef & Smith, for stationery	2 50
Feb. 6,	B. W. Sanborn, & Co., for phamplet laws	1 00
20,	D. J. Calef for S. S. Committee statistical report	2 00
	D. J. Calef, services on referee case	2 00
	Isaac Sanborn, on do.	2 75
	W. W. Sleeper on do.	5 00
	Amos Chapman, board and horse keeping	6 00
21,	M. C. Webster, for do.	6 00
	J. M. Shirley, for council	8 00
	Elbridge Smith, services as Town Clerk	30 00
	Jonathan Arey, services as Treasurer	25 00
	John Shaw, services as Selectmen	36 75
	Thomas H. Whitaker, services as do.	45 27
	Jonathan Arey, services as do.	95 25
	Jonathan Arey, board, use of room and horse keeping	30 00
	John B. Dunlap, for collecting in 1873 and 1874	8 30
	John B. Dunlap, for collecting in 1875 and 1876	104 08
	John Shaw, for board and money paid out	2 50
	T. H. Whitaker, for do.	50
	C. C. Rogers, services as S. Committee	49 50
		$553 50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1876.

Sept.	Paid Humphrey & Dodge, bolts for South road bridge	1 80
	Prince Brothers' plank for Pingree bridge	6 71
	J. M. Greeley, work on Wardwell bridge	12 00
	A. L. Ham, " "	9 75
	J. S. Heath, " "	7 50
	Jonathan Arey, and hand do. "	7 75
	G. E. Fellows, work on do. "	4 99
	Alonzo Farnum cutting bushes in highway	12 00
	R. H. Thompson, " "	7 50
	Ira Belville, " "	3 75
	C. F. Green, " "	6 75
	John R. Farnum, " "	1 50
	A. B. Huntoon, " "	5 00
	C. P. Sanborn, " "	4 50
	Wm. Dunlap, powder and fuse	64
	Calef & Smith, "	30
	L. B. Shaw, extra highway labor	6 50
	N. D. Greeley, work on bridges	12 00
	Moses Colby, " "	11 12
	Hamilton Gookin, work on South bridge	3 00
	H. C. Couch, " "	4 50
	C. C. Rogers, " "	3 25
	M. J. Stevens, " "	2 25
	Jonathan Arey, work on bridges	6 13
	M. J. Stevens, bridge lumber	11 00
	Thomas H. Whitaker, "	2 24
	Whitaker & Huntoon, "	39 74
	John C. Carter, labor on road	3 55
	B. F. Eastman, extra labor	7 00
	Luther Huntoon, "	12 00
	G. F. Whitmore, "	1 80
	B. F. Scribner, "	58 99
	Edward Tucker,	30

Sept. Paid T. H. Whitaker,		21 75
	N. Sanborn.	30
		$299 76

BREAKING ROADS AFTER SETTLEMENT 1876.

1876.		
Mar. 27, Paid Moses B. Calef,		$2 10
	E. A. Chase, surveyor	26 70
	F. A. Watson, work Dist. No.6	2 00
	A. W. Glines,	80
	John W. Fifield, for work 1875	4 40
1877.		
Feb. 20,	D. R. McAllister, surveyor	21 35
	Dennis Lorden,	3 70
	E. M. Heath, surveyor	8 00
	Arista Emerson, "	3 50
	B. F. Sanborn, on new road	7 50
21,	B. F. Shaw, cutting drifts	3 20
	C. F. Green, surveyor	4 20
	A. B. Huntoon	2 70
	F. C. Shaw	3 00
	E. G. Shaw	2 00
	M. P. Thompson, surveyor	8 90
	N. Wallace	2 60
		$106 70

TAX IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS Nos. 6 & 11.

1877.		
Jan. 10, Paid A. P. Dunlap, Dis. No. 6		$30 50
	Hale P. Shaw, " 11	150 00
		$180 50

BREAKING ROADS, 1876 & 1877.

1877.

Feb. 20.	Paid L. B. Shaw,	District No. 15		$30 00
	E. H. R. Gilbert,	" 22		9 10
	B. F. Sanborn,	" 14		5 60
	Moses Colby,	" 4		14 06
	E. M. Heath,	" 11		25 50
	H. C. Couch,	" 18		16 65
	L. W. Tucker,	" 5		54 70
	N. H. Morgan,	" 20		10 70
21.	M. C. Webster,	" 17		3 00
	Charles F. Green,	" 19		17 80
	J. W. Fifield,	" 16		13 20
	F. B. Calef,	" 21		2 70
	F. A. Watson,	" 6 & 7		39 35
	A. B. Huntoon,	" 13		7 78
	B. F. Shaw, breaking roads			15 90
	F. P. Rand,	District No. 12		24 25
	M. P. Thompson,	" 10		26 43
	G. F. Whitmore,	" 10		7 50
	W. F. Pearson,	" 8		4 30
	B. F. Scribner,	" 9		7 70
	Mrs. M. A. Clay,	" 10		5 30
27.	M. J. Stevens, breaking mountain road			1 50
				$343 02

DAMAGES.

1877.

Feb.	Paid J. Charles Smith, damage to sleigh on account of defect in highway	$1 25

ABATEMENTS OF 1873.

1877.

Feb. 27, Paid several abatements on tax book 1873		29 25
G. F. Searl, " "		2 34
H. M. Stone, for being over taxed		15 00
		$46 59

ABATEMENTS OF 1874.

Paid	George S. Morrison,	2 15
	John F. Rowe,	8 82
	Robert Smith,	9 69
	J. F. Sanborn,	2 15
	F. W. Thompson,	2 15
	E. C. Whitmore,	2 15
	John S. Lovrien,	92
	Several abatements on tax book 1874	31 10
		$59 13

ABATEMENTS OF 1875.

1877.

Feb. Paid	A. W. Glines, on tax book 1875	$10 60
	N. A. Hodge,	2 15
	Harrison Ladd,	2 15
	E. S. Morrison,	3 44
	Jonathan Plumer, at his request	8 22
	John F. Rowe,	11 31
	Caleb T. Roby,	38
	J. F. Sanborn,	2 00
	Wm. Holmes, over taxed	10 75
	Several abatements on tax book 1875	49 86
		$100 86

ABATEMENTS OF 1876.

Feb.	Paid E. A. Eastman, on tax book 1876	5 37
	S. B. Flanders	2 07
	Frank Getchel	2 07
	Charles Holton	2 07
	Jonathan Plumer, by his request	5 17
	William Holmes, over taxed	10 33
	Several abatements on tax book 1876	23 14
		$50 22

Paid several abatements in school dist. No. 11 4 00

CLAIMES FOR SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS IN 1876.

William Holmes	$10 00
J. F. Huntoon	4 00
Eliphalett Little	3 00
J. W. Sanborn	21 00
S. P. Webster	8 00
J. C. Smith	6 00
J. Arey	2 00
	$54 00

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received for which town notes have been given,	$201 13
Cash from other sources	9.706 58

Paid on town notes	$3,018 97
State tax	1,124 00
County tax	959 19
For sheep killed by dogs	61 00
Several school districts	1,127 34
County pauper's bill	756 56
Town pauper's bill	138 60
Non-resident highway receipts	178 60
Current expenses	553 50
Highways and bridges	299 86
Bills for breaking roads after settlement 1876	106 70
Breaking roads 1876 & 1877	343 02
School district tax, Nos. 6 and 11	180 50
Damage on highway	1 25
Abatements on tax book, 1873	46 59
" " 1874	59 13
" " 1875	100 86
" " 1876	54 22
	$9,109 89
Balance remaining in the treasury	$797 82
Amount of notes against the town with interest added to March 1, 1877	$6,415 12
Due for sheep killed in 1876	54 00
	$6,469 12

ASSETS.

Amount due from Sally Stevens' Est.	75 86	
" " collector 1874	302 56	
" " " 1875	903 22	
" " " 1786	2,394 49	
Cash in the treasury	797 82	
		$4,473 95
Balance against the town		$1,995 17

Respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN AREY,
THOMAS H. WHITAKER,
JOHN SHAW.
} *Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Salisbury.*

Salisbury, March 1st, 1876.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, Auditors of accounts for the year ending March 1, 1877, for the town of Salisbury, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts of the Selectmen properly vouched and correctly cast, and the indebtedness of the town is correct, as found in the foregoing statement of the account.

C. C. ROGERS,
NATH'L SAWYER.
ELBRIDGE SMITH.
} *Auditors.*

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Citizens of Salisbury:—

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report. They have felt a deep interest in the welfare of the schools during the past year, and have conscientiously endeavored to discharge the duties of their office, which are often far from being easy or pleasant.

In the review of the year they discover in some schools, much that might have been better done; and some things which they would gladly change, yet we are pleased to report that they compare favorably with former years. Some have been model schools, others have in a degree been less successful. There appears to be more interest manifested by the parents, by their frequent visits to the school-room, which has a tendency to encourage the pupils, and make the teacher's task more pleasant. Yet the work is not complete, as it is the duty of every parent to visit their school at least twice in each term and see for themselves what the teacher is doing, instead of remaining at home and fault the teacher to others, from report. It is a miserable practice and should not be countenanced. There are still many obstacles in the way that retard the progress of our schools, some of which

I will endeavor to point out. There has been a great amount of absence from school during the year; fully one-fourth of the school days lost. Often we fear absences are known and countenanced by parents; sometimes apologized for by them through mere sympathy with the child. It is not an uncommon thing for a child to importune parents until consent is gained, to be absent. The thought does not occur that the school will be injured by the practice. The parent too often reasons "This is my child, I can grant him favors or privileges as I please. It is no concern of the teacher or the school authorities." But the reasoning is not sound. Let us say to such parents, *you* have no right to injure your own child by leniencies. Parents should look at this matter in its true light and during the session of the public school, from the first day of the term until the last, suffer absences only on the ground of absolute necessity.

It is necessary first of all to secure good teachers even though they cost more than those incompetent. The office of a teacher is a noble one, and his duties most ardious. The *best* are the cheapest. We should endeavor to employ those instructors who will develop the faculties of the immortal mind, and prepare the scholar, both mentally and morally, to act an honorable part in life. In order to awaken a love for school and for study, we should employ those who love their calling and who have the needed qualifications for the discharge of their high and important duties. We need teachers who feel a desire to elevate their pupils, who teach subjects as well as books, and principles as well as rules, and who understand that books are but the scaffolding for erecting the mental structure.

But before teachers can be expected to exhibit the highest standard, parents must at least manifest an interest in the subject.

They should assist in every possible way and should endeavor to make his situation pleasant instead of irksome.

Our schools can never attain the desired efficiency with-

out this active co-operation. Why should teachers labor alone? The man of business, the farmer, the mechanic, could not prosecute their several callings without faithful assistance. So must it be in the work of education. For instance, the parent should aid the teacher in removing the evil of irregular attendance at school. Experience proves that the want of a prompt, regular daily attendance does much to render the school ineffective; progress in study will be slow, the interest in school lost, and the teacher become disheartened. We would also urge upon the attention of parents the importance of combining their influence with that of the teacher in securing order in our schools. Without order no progress can be made. The want of this has a demoralizing effect upon an otherwise good school. Give the teacher to understand that you expect he will keep perfect order in the school-room.

Lend him the whole weight of your influence to accomplish this. A child who is under no proper restraint at home will, most likely, show a spirit of insubordination at school.

Fearfully solemn is the responsibility which rests upon the parent, to see that those intrusted to his care be disciplined to become industrious, obedient and respectful, rather than idle, perverse and indifferent to the true interests of life. In this respect the work must begin with the parent; by his influence he must aid the teacher.

Another great evil in our schools is a neglect of the fundamental elements, a hastening to higher studies, while the lower are scarcely understood. It is as absurd to think of completing an education, without the fundamental elements as it would be to attempt to raise the superstructure of a building before the foundation was well laid. Many of our school-houses are in a serious and lamentable condition, but enough has been said in this respect, in previous reports of past years.

I wish to commend our teachers of the past year, for the prompt compliance with the law in regard to the returning

of the registers. With a few exceptions they have been promptly returned, neatly kept and correctly filled.

In conclusion it is greatly to be hoped that a deeper interest will be taken in our schools, generally; that parents and the friends of education will become better acquainted with their operation by personal visitation; and thus, as well as in all suitable ways, lend their influence more effectually for their elevation and improvement.

I offer the following detailed account of the schools as kept in the different districts.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE. (South Road.)

The summer and fall terms were under the instruction of Miss Lizzie S. Morgan. Length of summer term, 8 weeks; fall term, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars in attendance: Summer term, 26; Fall, 27; average attendance, Summer, 24; Fall 24. Wages per. month including board, Summer, $28; Fall, $30. Miss Morgan is a teacher of great experience having taught 48 months; therefore understands her work and seems at home in the school-room. She applies herself readily and labors diligently for the best interests of those under her charge; thereby producing the best results. At the final examination the seveal classes showed evidence of thorough instruction. Great improvement was made in reading and writing. The neatness of the writing books reflect much credit upon the scholars. Miss M. is a good disciplinarian as is evident by her quiet and orderly school. The rhetorical exercises were of an interesting character. Both summer and fall terms were equally successful. We think the parents realize the worth of their school as there was a goodly number present at the examination. She reports in this as well as the previous term; "I have been well pleased with the moral deportment of the

school and also of the punctuality. All have made a great effort in this respect in compliance with my request at the commencement of the term. Sixteen pupils have not been absent a day during the session. The parents have manifested an interest as shown by their visits to the school room."

Winter term was taught by Mr. W. S. Clement of Derry. Length of term, 13 weeks; number of scholars 26; wages per month including board, $32.

This was Mr. Clement's first effort in this direction yet he succeeded well, and the Committee were well pleased with the appearance of this school.

The discipline was good; and the promptness and accuracy which characterized the recitations, showed close attention on the part of the scholars, and thorough instruction on the part of the teacher. A fine and interesting reading and spelling class. Mr. Clement, by experience, bids fair to become one of our first teachers.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO. (Centre Road.)

Miss Martha B. Woodbury, of Andover, taught the summer and fall terms. Length of summer term, 9 weeks; fall, 7 weeks; number of scholars in attendence summer term, 24; fall 23. Average attendence summer 17; fall 15; wages per month including board both terms, $24. Miss Woodbury entered the school with experience and being a lady of fine mental culture and unassuming manners she succeeded well. Her government was mild and she ruled her scholars by love. Her manner of teaching was such as to interest the pupil, elevate the mind, and bring out hidden ideas that might remain dormant for life. She not only taught the book but endeavored to make it practical and thoroughly understood. Under such instruction we found commendable

progress in most of the branches. Reading and spelling were made a specialty. Best class in spelling in town. There are some good scholars in this district who endeavor to learn, others are less disposed. Your Committee are sorry to report that the fall term was much retarded by absences; nearly one third of the school days lost. Parents why will you suffer this when you have such a profitable term of school?

She reports, "Both terms have been very pleasant. The scholars have been very willing to obey and have endeavored to please me in every respect. Many have been absent and tardy many times, which I think was mostly the fault of the parents." She mentions the names of six scholars that have not been absent or tardy during the term.

Winter Term. Mr. True W. Rand, of Warner, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 17; wages per month including board, $30. Mr. Rand is a good scholar and well understands the principles of his books. He labors hard for the benefit of his pupils, and it is his desire to have them learn. At our first visit the school appeared to be in a prosperous condition, and we had reason to entertain elevated ideas of its success, which was in some degree realized. At our last visit the day being very unfavorable nearly half of the scholars were absent. Most of those present reviewed well, and gave evidence that good improvement had been made. The discipline was not of the first order. Mr. Rand is a teacher well adapted to some schools, but it is our opinion that this needs one possessed of muscular strength and decision of character sufficient to compel such scholars to know their places who do not know them without compulsion.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE. (Sawyer's.)

The summer term was taught by Miss Hersey of Franklin. As no register has been returned, we are under the ne-

cessity of reporting this school from memory. It is not frequent that we find scholars so thorough and familiar with their studies, as those in this school. There appeared to be perfect harmony, between teacher and pupils, which scarcely ever fails of producing the desired results. Miss Hersey ranks well with our best teachers.

Winter Term. Mr. Jesse B. Pattee, of Warner, teacher. Length of term, 13 weeks; number of scholars 19; wages per month, board given, $20.

This school appeared to good advantage. We think the various branches had been taught with profit, and the improvement was decided and satisfactory. The reading and recitations indicated that the teacher had labored judiciously and perseveringly for the welfare of those under his care; and the scholars uniting their efforts with his, cannot fail of producing favorable results. This district gratuitously furnishes wood and board to prolong the school.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR. (Scribner's.)

Summer Term. Miss Carrie E. Tucker, teacher. Length of term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 11. Wages per month, board given, $10. Miss Tucker possesses many qualifications to become a good and useful teacher. The proficiency made by this school was highly creditable. The interest manifested by the scholars, and the exertions made by the teacher for their improvement, are alike worthy of praise. Miss Tucker is a good disciplinarian, and the school under her charge appeared well. She reports "the scholars have been studious, obedient and punctual; the parents interested and kind."

Winter Term of twelve weeks was under the instruction of Mr. Nahum J. Bachelder, of Andover. Number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16; wages per month, board given, $16.66.

Mr. Bachelder entered this school without experience, but posessing a highly cultivated talent, with a thorough book knowledge, amply prepared him to become an instructor of youth. We think he labored assiduously for the welfare of his pupils. At the final examination we found the school as we wish to, in its every day appearance; it was neither drilled or prepared (as some of our schools are) for the occasion. In reviewing, it was evident that the instruction was thorough and comprehensive, and the improvement made was creditable to both teacher and scholar. We find in this school the most advanced arithmetic class in town, but should judge that grammar and other branches had been neglected in past years. The parents manifest a good degree of interest in the education of their children by providing board and fuel each year to prolong their schools, which increases the length of each term nearly one third. Will others notice and do likewise?

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE. (North Road.)

Fall and Winter terms taught by Miss M. Lucina Roby. Whole number of scholars, Fall, 7; Winter, 10; average, Fall, 6; Winter, 8. Length of Fall term, 7 weeks; Winter, 6 weeks. Wages per month, including board, $17.40.

At our first visit we found this school in a prosperous condition; though but few scholars, both teacher and scholar seemed interested in their work, and at the close of the short term of seven weeks, our anticipations were not disappointed. Good improvement was made in reading. We think her services were appreciated by the parents, as there seemed to be much interest manifested by them at the examination. Having received no notice of the close of the winter term, it was not visited; therefore cannot speak of the progress made.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX. (Mills.)

Summer Term. This school was under the instruction of Miss Clara G. Elkins, of Andover. Length of term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average, 7; wages per month not reported by the teacher. There was not the interest manifested by the pupils in this school that we should like to have seen, and the examination did not show as thorough instruction in the branches taught as was desired. The reading classes made fair progress. Had the teacher been more energetic and awakened a livelier interest in her pupils, better results might have followed. She reports, "The term a very pleasant one, the pupils well disposed and obedient."

Winter Term. Miss Carrie E. Tucker, teacher. This school is still in session, was visited the eighth week and appeared to be doing well. The scholars seemed interested in their studies and the teacher earnestly engaged in her arduous task. We have no reason to doubt that the school under the instruction of so faithful a teacher as Miss Tucker, will be a prosperous one.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN. (Smith's Corner.)

The Summer and Winter terms were under the instruction of Miss Dora A. Elkins. Length of Summer term, 8 weeks; Winter term, 8 weeks; number of scholars. Summer, 7; Winter, 9; average, Summer, 6; Winter, 8; wages per month, board given Summer, $12; Winter, including board, $20.

The repeated demand for Miss Elkins's services in this district shows the esteem in which she is held by the parents, as she has been employed for nine terms. In most instances so permanent a relation is infallible evidence of a prosper-

ous school. In most of the branches fair improvement was made; and we think if Miss Elkins would apply her book principles more practically better results would be realized. The order was commendable. The teacher reports most of her scholars have been studious in their habits, as well as an earnestness to avoid being tardy or absent. The parents show an interest in trying to have the scholars punctual, which makes it much pleasanter for the teacher.

As no notice was received of the close of the winter term, we are not prepared to report.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT. (Thompson's Corner.)

There was but one term of school in this district, taught by Miss Carrie E. Tucker. Length of term, 7 weeks; wages per month, including board, $19; number of scholars, 10; average, 8. This school is very small, numbering but five scholars belonging to the district, but a number coming in from the adjacent district, made the school more interesting. Miss Tucker carried into this school the same energy and enthusiasm which characterized her in her former schools, and being one who is deeply interested in her work, she awakens in her pupils an earnest and ardent desire to make the best use of their school hours. Teacher and scholars being thus interested and united, the most satisfactory improvement is made. The deportment of this school was creditable. Your committee were pleased to meet a goodly number of the parents at the examination, which shows the interest they have in the education of their children.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE. (Lovrien's Hill.)

Summer Term. Miss Adella G. Scott, teacher. Length of term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 7; wages per month, including board, $14. Miss

Scott had not the advantage either of age or experience as a teacher, yet her school was orderly and made some progress in their studies. In the short space of six weeks we could not expect great progress to be made. And we think if Miss Scott would carry more energy into the school-room, she might by experience become a good teacher.

Miss Ida A. Morrison, of Concord, taught the fall term. Length of term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 9; wages per month, $14. Miss Morrison came to us well recommended by the Superintending Committee of Concord, which recommendation she well sustained in proving herself highly cultivated, and well calculated to impart instruction to others. The school under her charge gave evidence of thorough instruction in most of the branches taught. The pupils appeared to have a good understanding of the principles they had passed over. Perhaps there was not that attention given to the younger portion of the school as was desirable. The register shows a great number of absences in this school, more than one third of the school days lost; and parents how can you expect your children to improve when they are not in school? The teacher reports "the house *miserable*, which makes it very unpleasant. Also not the progress made as might have been, had the scholars been more punctual."

DISTRICT NUMBER TEN. (Mountain.)

There was but one term of school in this district, and that was under the instruction of Mrs. Martha A. Woodbury. Length of term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 3; average, 2; wages per month, including board, $20. This is the smallest school in town, there being but two scholars resident of the district. At our visit to this school, we found a pleasant teacher and two bright-eyed pupils, ready to treasure up knowledge. Mutual attachment was the ruling feature of this little family. The instruction was of the first

order, and the improvement good. This school is too small to create much interest, or to bring out the faculty of the teacher, but should judge Mrs. Woodbury worthy of a larger field of labor.

DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN. (Raccoon Hill.)

Summer Term. Miss Sarah A. Pettengill, teacher. Length of term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 8; average, 7; wages per month, including board, $20.

This school is composed mostly of small scholars, and Miss Pettengill possessing a mild and genial disposition, was well adapted to the situation. Being a teacher of extensive experience, and having taught three terms in this district, previous to this, she understood its wants, and considering the shortness of the term, there was as much improvement made as could be expected. School appeared well.

Winter Term. Miss Roxie B. Sheperd, of Franklin, teacher. Number of scholars, 12; average, 8; wages per month, $20. This school is still in session, and was visited at the close of the ninth week. The visit was unexpected, therefore we found it without any preperation for examination, yet in the several recitations it was evident that the lessons had been well learned, and the instruction given was of the right kind. Good proficiency was made in reading. Intellectual arithmetic taught as it should be. Discipline good. A very profitable term. The house in this district has been repaired, making a very pleasant school room, which is creditable to the district, and it is earnestly hoped that others will follow the example.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. ROGERS. *S. S. Committee.*

Salisbury, March 2, 1877.

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